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Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application. Claims 1-76 are pending in this application.

The claims are subjected to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 as containing six distinct inventions:

- I. Claims 1-25 and 73-76, drawn to "Distributed data processing", classified in class 709, subclass 201.
- II. Claims 26-47, drawn to "Fault recovery", classified in class 714, subclass 2.
- III. Claims 48-51, drawn to "Computer network managing", classified in class 709, subclass 223.

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